Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 06 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Thursday 05 Dec 2024 at 14:04

Confidence: High for unsettled weather and strong winds at times until later Saturday, but lower for exact details. Then high for a transition to more settled weather from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 06 Dec 2024: Dry start. Storm Darragh arrives in afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 06 Dec 2024

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	>95%	>95%	90%	80%	80%

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Weather: A dry start clear then bright spells with strong or gale force northwesterlies easing down through the morning. Clouding over from the west through late morning ahead of Storm Darragh arriving around midday bringing persistent heavy rain, preceded initially by summit snow, and gale to storm force south to southeast winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 80% or higher at first, falling to 20% or lower from midday.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibilities and clear summits to start, but cloud becoming extensive down to 400-600m and visibilities falling poor in persistent heavy rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	40/57 NW	34/49 NW	23/32 W	16/23 SW	21/29 S	36/51 S	44/62 S	32/45 S	24/36 W
300	20/38 NW	16/31 NW	10/20 W	6/13 SW	8/16 S	21/36 S	26/46 S	18/32 S	15/28 W
Valley	15/34 NW	13/29 NW	9/20 W	6/13 SW	6/15 S	19/37 S	22/43 S	15/30 S	16/30 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	1/-7	2/-6	2/-4	3/-2	1/-5	2/-5	6/-1	7/2	5/-0
300	3/-3	3/-2	3/-1	3/0	3/0	4/-1	7/2	9/5	7/3
Valley	4/-0	4/-0	3/-0	4/2	4/2	5/0	8/4	10/7	8/4
<< Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	800m	800m	900m	2200m	1900m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Conditions deteriorate markedly during the afternoon. Walking will be extremely difficult on exposed ground with a high risk of being blown over. Feeling bitterly cold in the wind and rain. Underfoot conditions may become dangerous and slippery as a result of persistent heavy rain.

Forecast for Saturday 07 Dec 2024

Weather: Strom Darragh continues to bring very strong winds and occasionally heavy rain through the morning, wintry above 700m. Brighter spells break out as conditions becoming more showery as we go through the day, but freezing levels gradually falling.

Maximum wind: North to northwesterly average winds in excess of 70mph and gusts over 90mph in the morning

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: Little chance at first, rising to 60-70% in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Widespread cloud down to 400-600m in the morning with poor visibilities in persistent rain or summit snow. Cloud becomes more broken through the afternoon, with some clear spells developing between showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 4 rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 700m: Zero to plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits in the early hours, falling to 600m.

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